

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA NATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS



The Virginia National Service Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors members and alumni. In addition to committing their time and talents to the community through their term of service, these members and alumni have gone above and beyond to make a tangible impact in their communities.

The Virginia National Service Awards are presented to honorees in the following categories:

- AmeriCorps State member
- AmeriCorps VISTA member
- AmeriCorps Seniors member (includes Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP volunteers)
- Alumni from any stream of AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps Seniors service (includes AmeriCorps NCCC alumni) **alumni must live in Virginia*

These awards are presented by the Virginia Service Commission and the Virginia Service Foundation. In addition to statewide recognition, honorees receive a \$250 gift to thank them for their contributions to Virginia.

To nominate someone for a National Service Award, please visit the [online form](#). Nominations will be accepted January 23rd through March 20th. All nominations must be submitted by 5pm on March 20th to be considered.

For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Alex Vanik at alexander.vanik@dss.virginia.gov.

Fast Facts about AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors in Virginia

- Over 3,800 individuals serve in AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs every year, at over 400 service sites in communities across the Commonwealth.
- The service of these members bring over \$12 million of federal funding to the state, making more programs and services possible for those most vulnerable.
- Since 1994, AmeriCorps members in Virginia have earned over \$21 million in Segal Education Awards. These awards support individuals in pursuing future career and education goals, including trainings, higher education, and paying back student loans.

Frequently Asked Questions



How do I nominate someone for an award?

To nominate someone in the above categories, please visit our online form. The questions are available below to preview before completing the nomination form.

Who can nominate someone for an award?

Anyone not related to the honoree is eligible to nominate a member or alum for an award. This can include grantees, sponsors, site supervisors, community partners, other members, etc.

Can I nominate any alumni for the alumni award?

Alums eligible for the award must have served in an AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps Seniors program. The alum must currently reside in Virginia, but does not need to have served in Virginia.

How are the nominations reviewed?

A scoring committee comprised of members from the Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism and the Virginia Service Foundation will score nominations with support from the Virginia Service Commission

When will I be notified regarding the status of my nomination?

Nominators will receive notification in mid to late April of the status of their nomination.

When will nominees be notified if they are selected?

Honorees will be contacted in April and recognized virtually at the 2023 Virginia Volunteerism Summit in May.



Virginia National Service Award Nomination Form

(for review only, please complete the [online form](#) to submit your nomination)

First, tell us about yourself.

1. Name
2. Phone number
3. E-mail address
4. Relationship to the nominee

Now, tell us about the person you'd like to nominate.

5. Name
6. Phone number
7. E-mail address
8. Please briefly describe the member or alumni's AmeriCorps service (where and when they served, the program and/or organization name, their position)

We'd love to know more about what makes this person stand out!

Please provide as much information to the questions below as possible to help the reviewers in the selection process.

9. Please select one of the core pillars of AmeriCorps and describe how the nominee exemplified that pillar. *Only one answer is required; please identify the pillar that feels like the best fit for the nominee and be as descriptive as possible.*

Unite: AmeriCorps members bridge divides by bringing people together, connecting individuals and organizations to help communities tackle their toughest challenges. How did you see the nominee connect individuals and/or organizations for a community outcome?

Strengthen: AmeriCorps members provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. What did this member or alum do to strengthen resources or services available to the community?

Lead: AmeriCorps members help power an ecosystem committed to the betterment of communities across America. How did this member or alum demonstrate leadership in their service?

10. What was the impact of the member or alum's service? Please describe at least one way you see a continued impact of their service.
11. Is there any other information about this nominee the scoring committee should consider? *Please share about any extenuating circumstances, levels of impact, examples of the nominee going above and beyond, that you feel would help the scoring committee understand the nominee's impact.*